

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1256

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Frank Buck for his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Frank Buck is one such distinguished public servant whose professionalism and proficiency will serve as a benchmark for future public officials; his illustrious career in the House of Representatives, which began in 1972, will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 105th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Buck has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 40th House District and his native Smith County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1972, the good people of House District 40, then encompassing DeKalb, Cannon, Smith, and Rutherford Counties, evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Frank Buck by electing him as their representative to the House of Representatives, a position to which he has dedicated himself admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his eighteen terms and thirty-six years in the House of Representatives (88th through 105th General Assemblies), he has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a highly respected attorney and farmer, Representative Buck is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the

respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made as the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee (95th through 102nd General Assemblies) and currently as Chairman of the House Conservation and Environment Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Buck has also provided sterling service during his legislative career as Vice Chairman and Secretary of the House Transportation Committee, Chairman of the House Judicial Administration Subcommittee, and Chairman of the Public Transportation and Highways Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as a member of the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House Criminal Practice and Procedures Subcommittee, the House Transportation and Safety Planning Subcommittee, and the House Public Safety and Rural Roads Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Representative Frank Buck has generously donated his time and energies over the years to many community, civic, professional, and governmental organizations, including the Tennessee Bar Association, DeKalb County Farm Bureau, Lion's Club, Smithville Jaycees, United States Jaycees, and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean who was born on September 26, 1943, Representative Buck earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee Technological University and received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee School of Law; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Frank Buck is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Lena Graves Buck; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud father of four daughters, Kathryn, Melinda, Sarah, and Jennifer, and the beloved grandfather of six treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Frank Buck is an active member of the Church of Christ, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Buck is a gentleman whose prolific tenure on Capitol Hill will seldom be equaled and whose retirement from the General Assembly will create a void that will not be easily filled; his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 40; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague,  
Representative Frank Buck; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Frank Buck for his meritorious service to  
Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly and commend him for his countless  
contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of House District 40 and DeKalb,  
Macon, and Smith Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Frank Buck our best wishes for much  
success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation to Representative Frank Buck as a token of our esteem.